

# 7 Billion Needles

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Volume 3



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ドコ…？

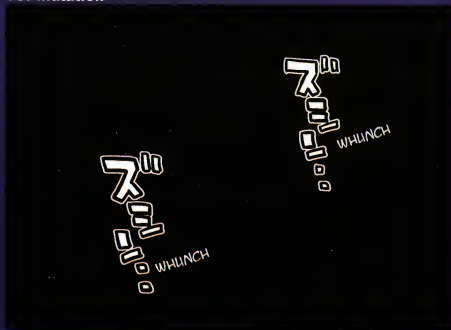
ウザイ

モツト…  
モツト…

キモイ

アタシト一緒ニ…  
ナロウヨ……  
ヒトリニ――

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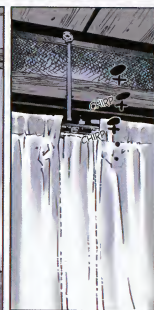
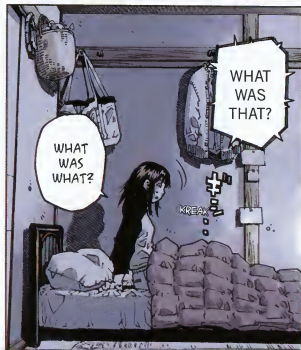
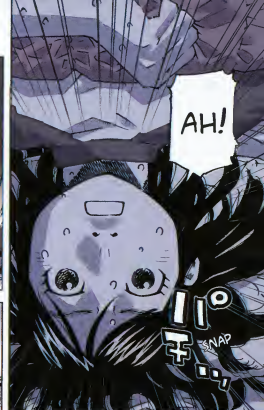
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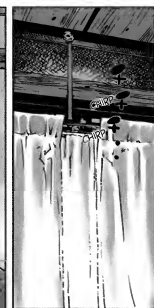
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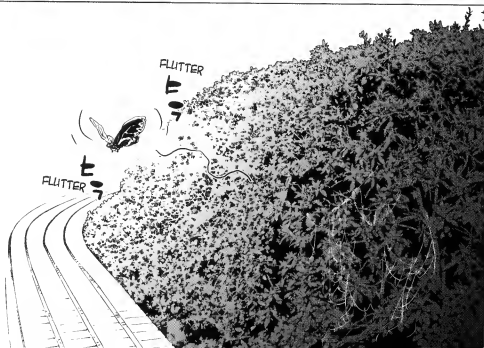
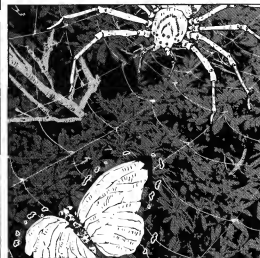
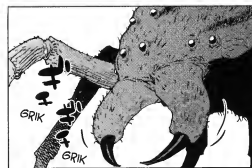
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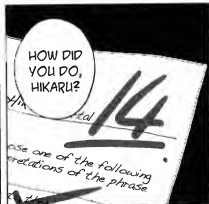
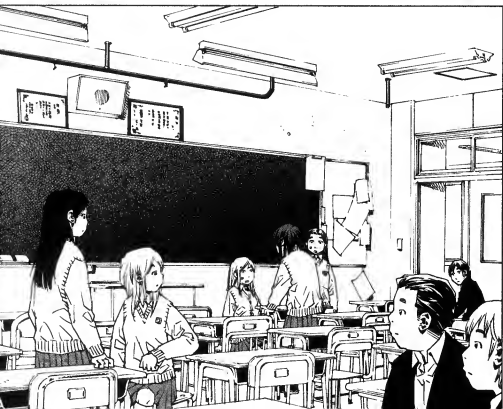
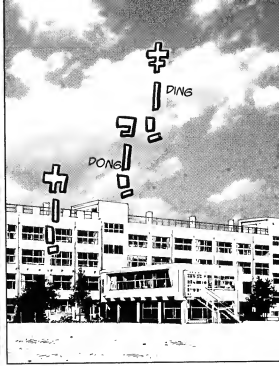
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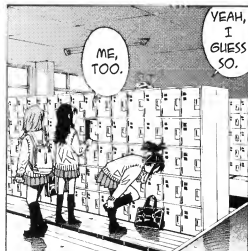
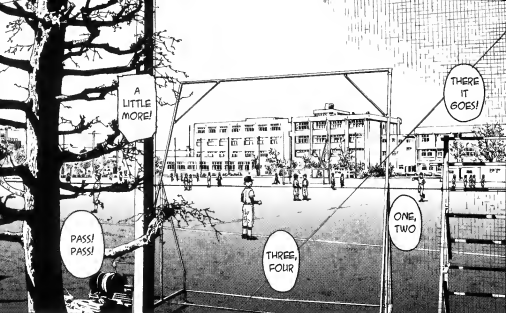


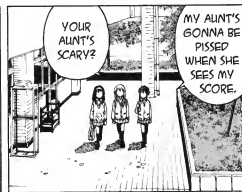
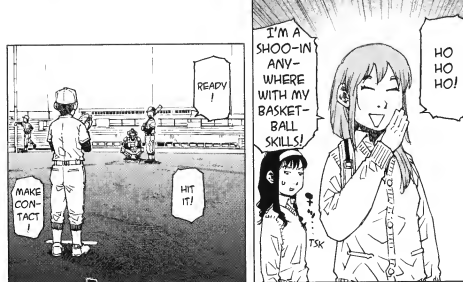
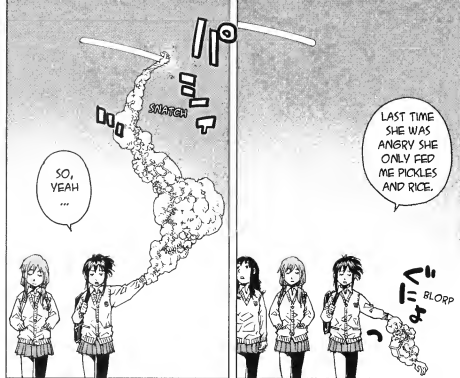




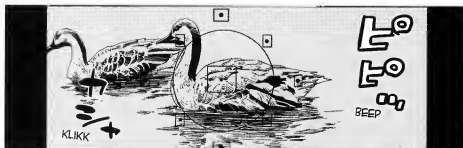




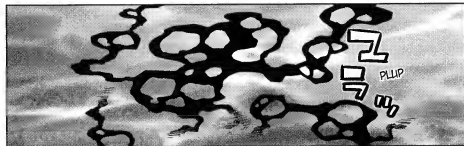


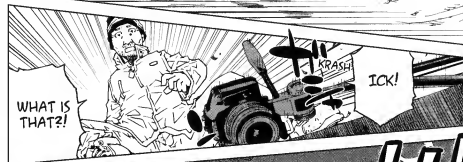
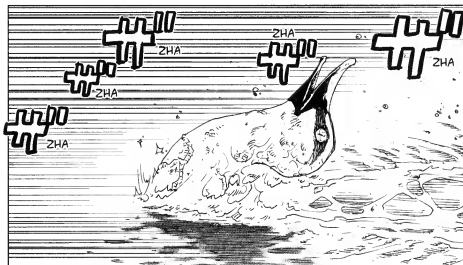








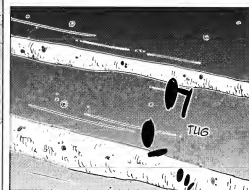


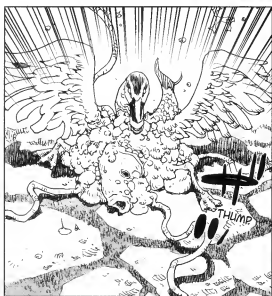






YOU NEED ME TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT THING IS.





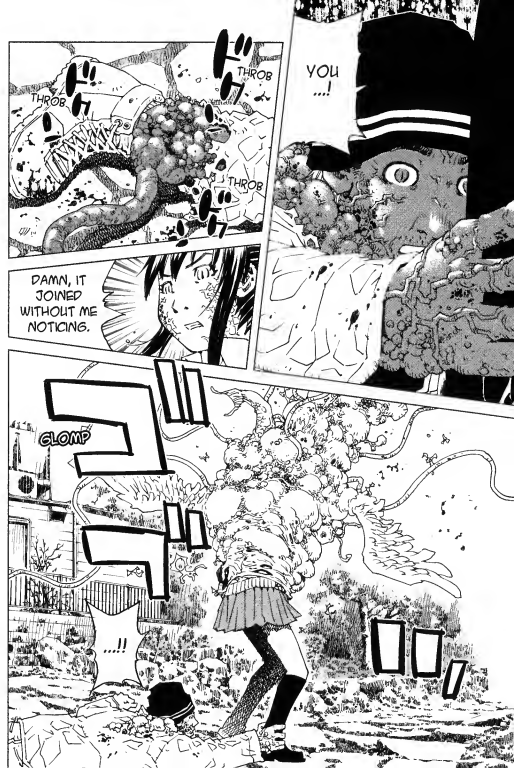


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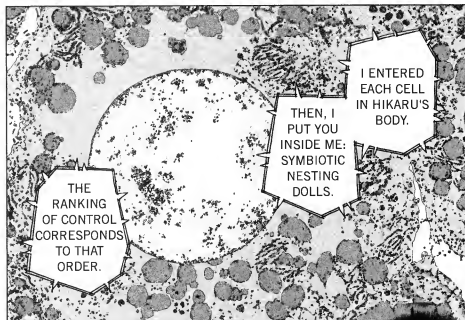




YOU THOUGHT  
I'D ALLOW YOU  
AN EQUAL  
SHARE OF  
CONTROL OVER  
THIS BODY  
WHEN I LET  
YOU IN?



HOW...?!



THE  
RANKING  
OF CONTROL  
CORRESPONDS  
TO THAT  
ORDER.

THEN, I  
PUT YOU  
INSIDE ME:  
SYMBIOTIC  
NESTING  
DOLLS.

I ENTERED  
EACH CELL  
IN HIKARU'S  
BODY.



I'M  
COLD.

WHY  
...?

SHUT UP!  
IT WAS  
FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
PEACE  
IN THE  
UNIVERSE!

ACHOO

THAT'S  
DIRTY!  
PREJUDICE  
!!

A

AH



YOU  
FOOL.

WATCH  
WHAT  
YOU—



WHAT  
?!

NO  
WAY!

I'M  
FINALLY IN  
CONTROL  
OF THIS  
BODY!  
NO WAY  
I'M GIVING  
THIS UP!



FSSH

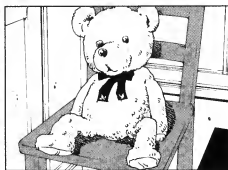
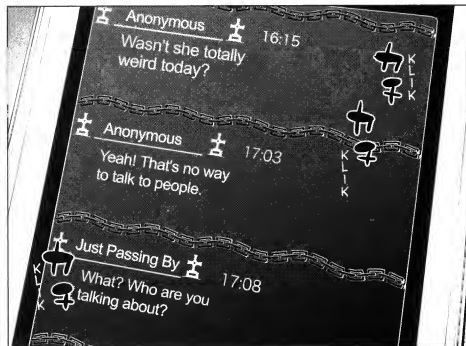
I-I'M  
BACK.

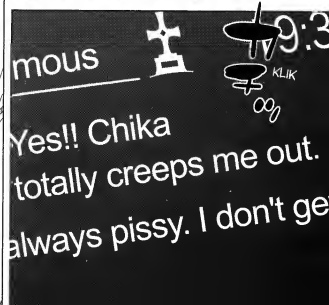
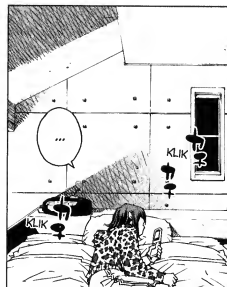
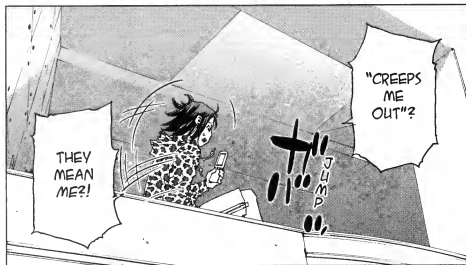
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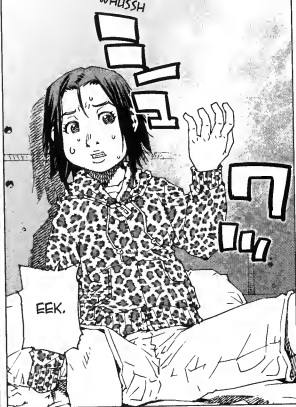


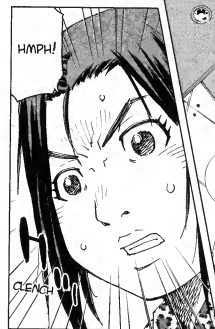
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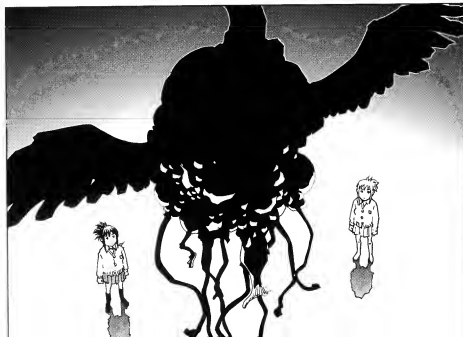
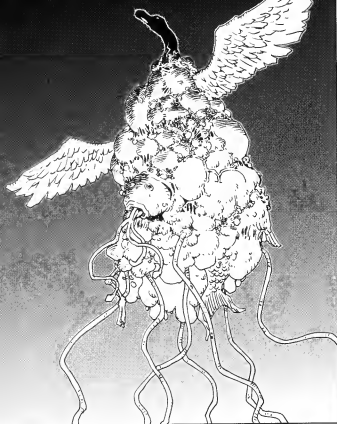
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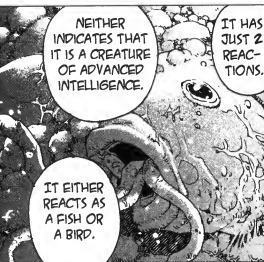


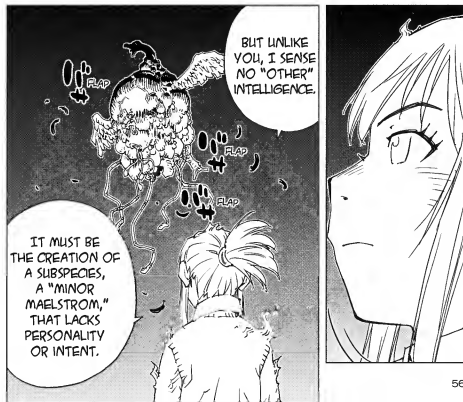
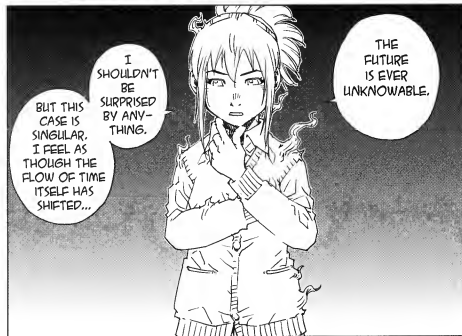
MAKI,  
HOW  
MANY  
PLATES  
?

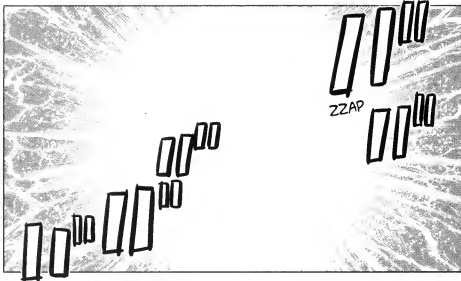
KAK



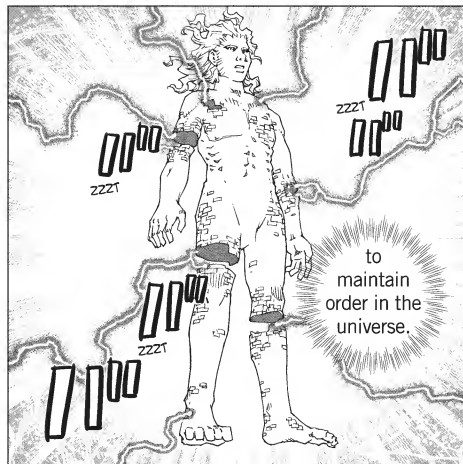
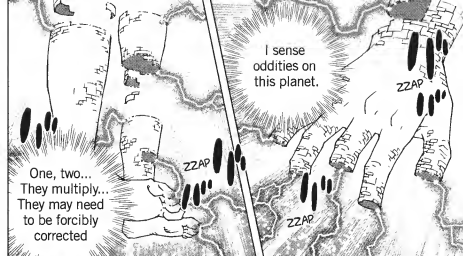
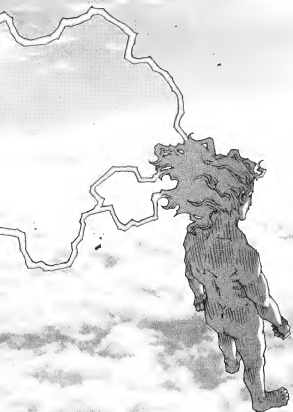
Study  
for  
three  
hours  
every  
day!

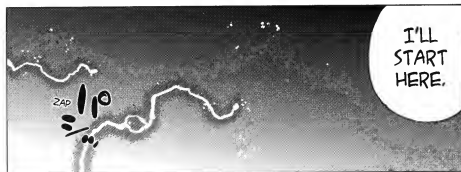




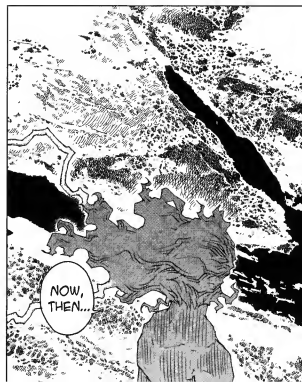
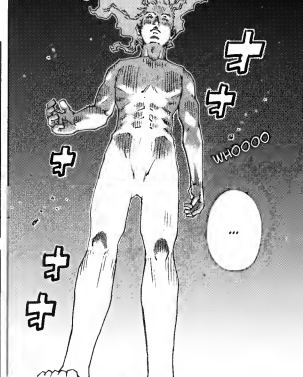


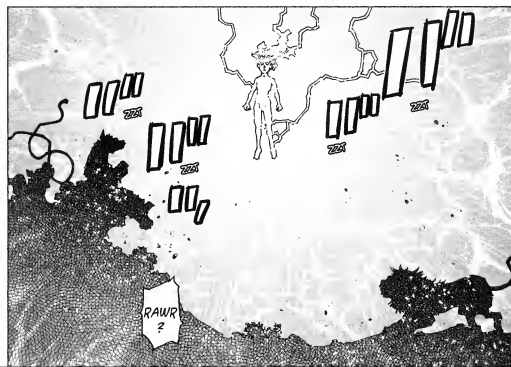
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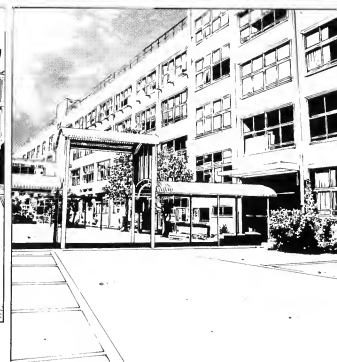
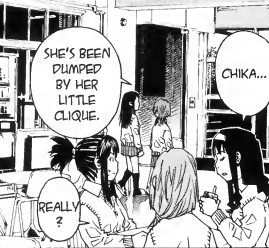


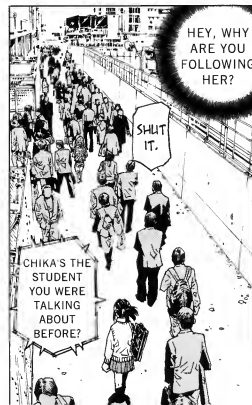


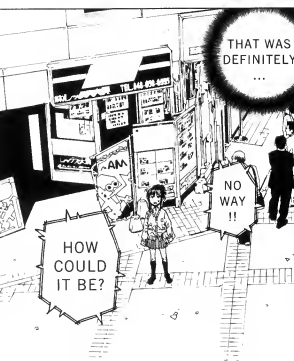
I'LL  
START  
HERE.

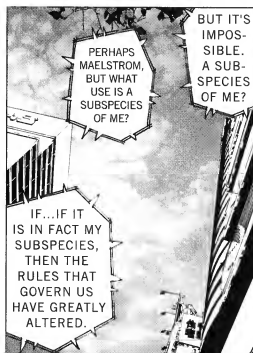


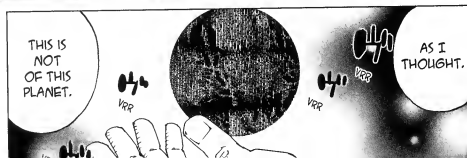


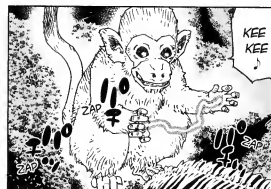






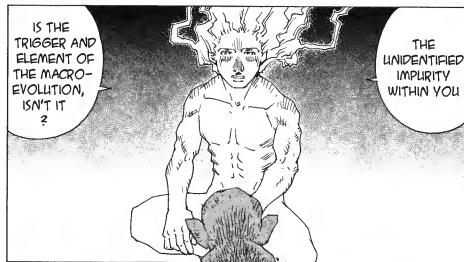
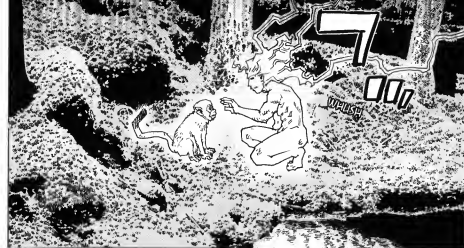


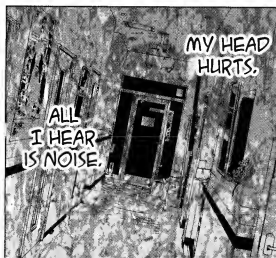




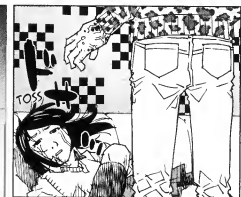
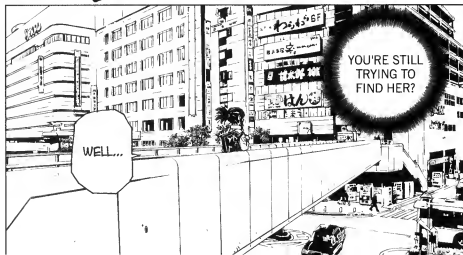
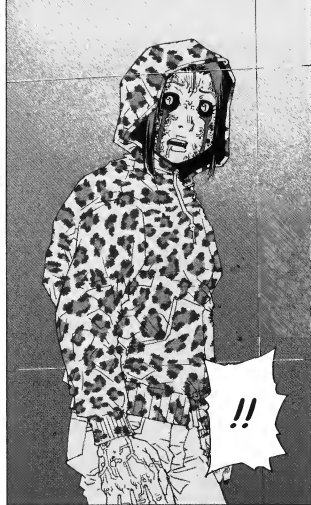
DESIRE  
A MACRO-  
EVOLUTION!

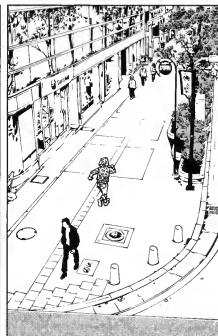








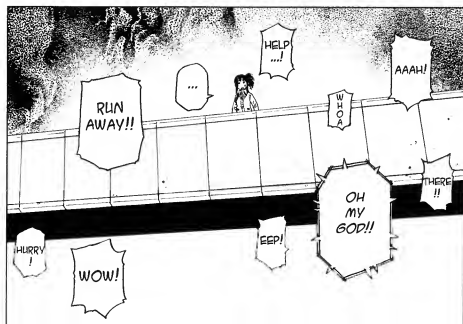
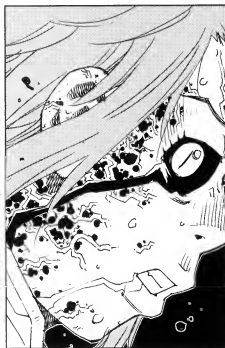


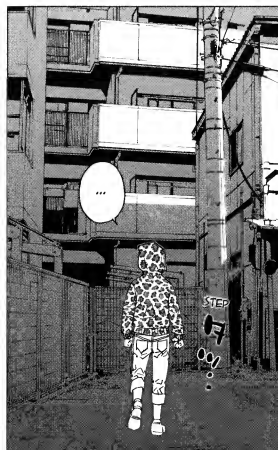
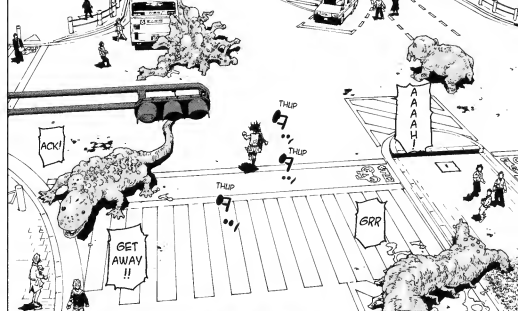






16. Castle of Selection





FLASH

HEY,  
THERE'S NO  
BRINGING HER  
BACK. SHE'S  
AS GOOD AS  
DEAD.

CHIKA  
!!

I  
SWEAR  
I'LL  
SAVE  
HER!

NO!!

I DON'T  
KNOW YET,  
I HAVE  
TO STUDY  
IT...

CAN'T  
WE DO  
ANYTHING?  
THINK,  
HORIZON!

UNS

ZUR

ZUR

ZUR

...

ANY-  
ONE  
BUT  
YOU.

WHY  
WON'T  
ANYONE  
ELSE  
COME

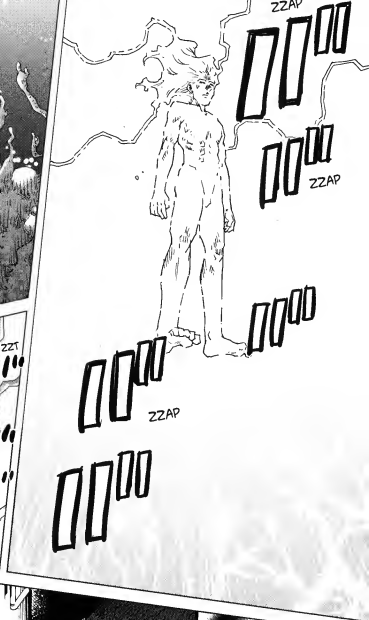
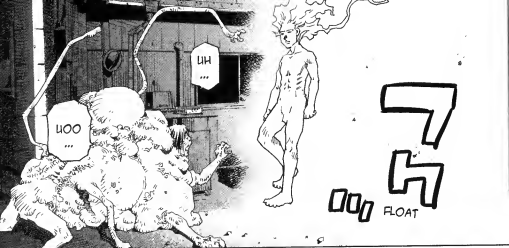
WHY?

WHY YOU  
?!!

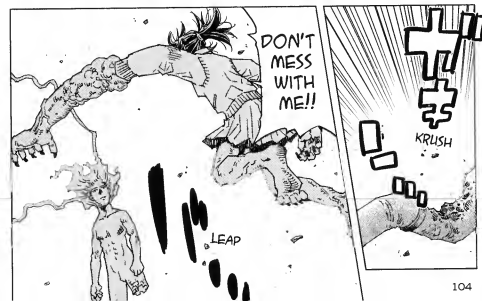
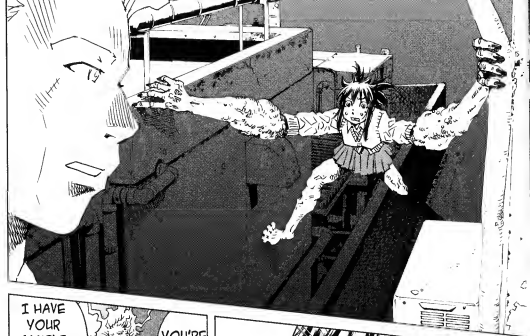
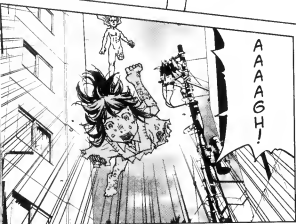
DON'T  
BULLSHIT  
ME.

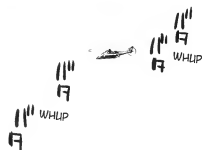
BLORT

WHEN  
I'M IN  
THIS MUCH  
PAIN?!

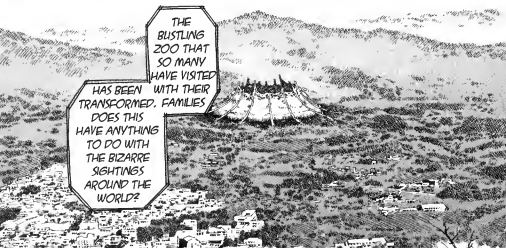






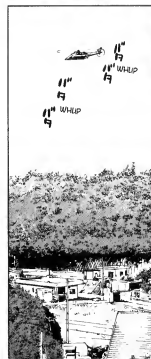


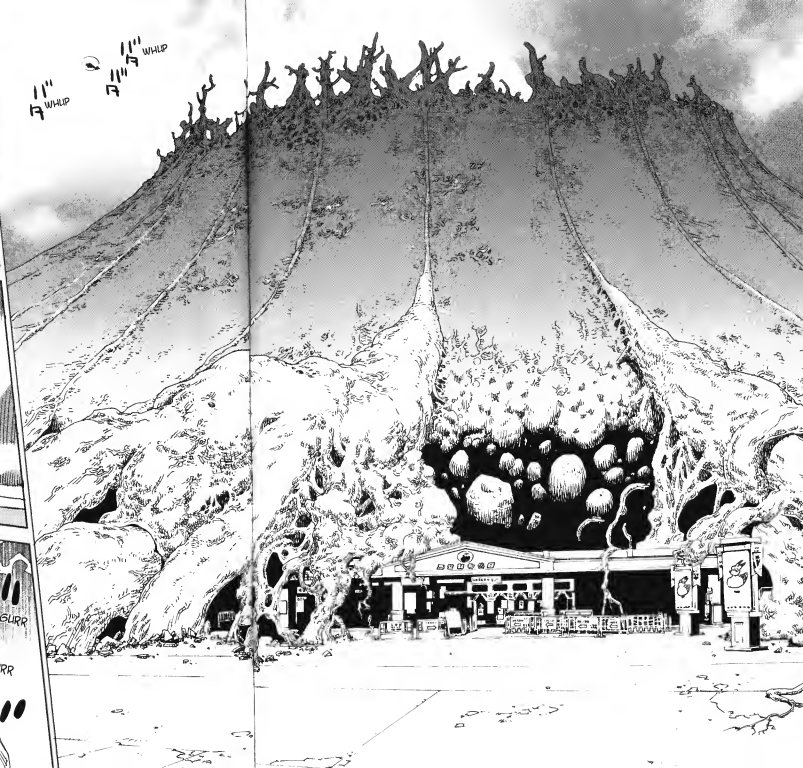
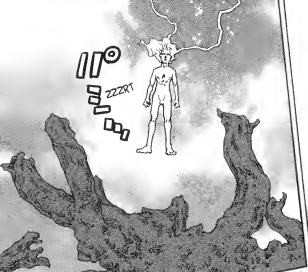
VZZ...  
CAN YOU  
SEE IT,  
VIEWERS  
?

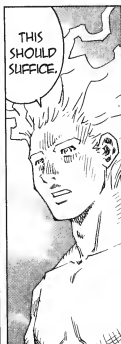
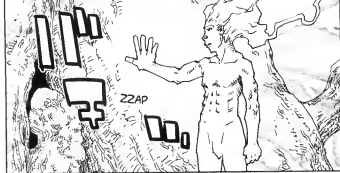


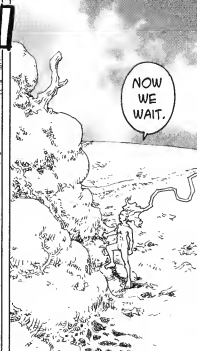
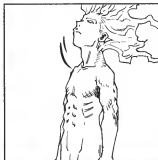
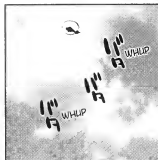
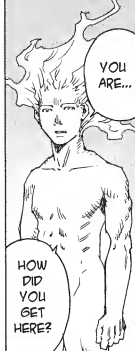
THE  
BUSTLING  
ZOO THAT  
SO MANY  
HAVE VISITED

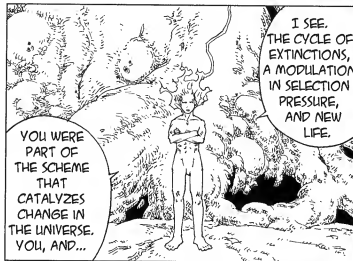
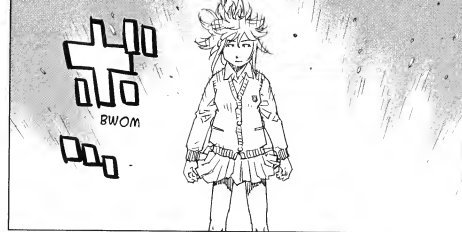
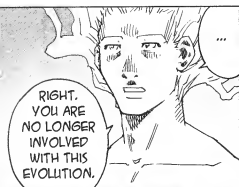
HAS BEEN WITH THEIR  
TRANSFORMED, FAMILIES  
DOES THIS  
HAVE ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH  
THE BIZARRE  
SIGHTINGS  
AROUND THE  
WORLD?













WHAT  
ARE YOU  
PLANNING  
TO DO?

WHY  
DID YOU  
COME TO  
THIS  
PLANET  
?



WE'RE NOT  
INVOLVED?!  
JUST WHO  
IS HE  
ANYWAY?

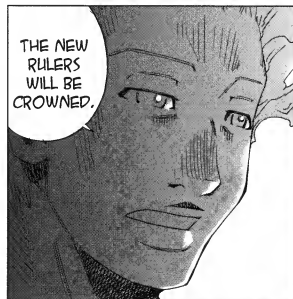
WHAT  
IS HE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



I AM A  
MODERATOR.

I  
BELONG  
TO THE  
SAME  
SCHEME  
AS YOU.

I MODERATE  
EXCESSIVE  
EVOLUTIONARY  
CHANGE IN THE  
UNIVERSE SO THAT  
LIFE MAY RIGHTLY  
EXIST.



THE NEW  
RULERS  
WILL BE  
CROWNED.



WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?

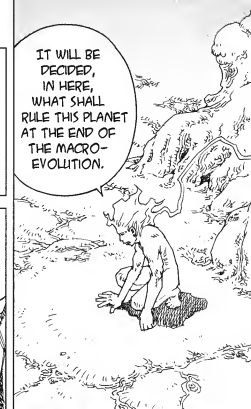
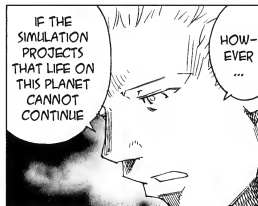
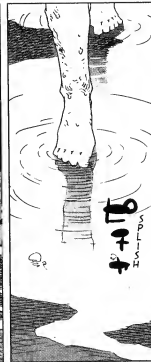
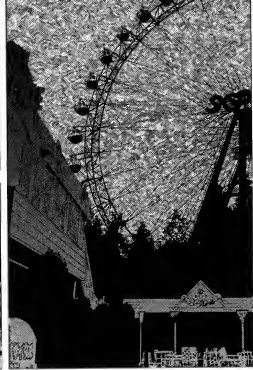
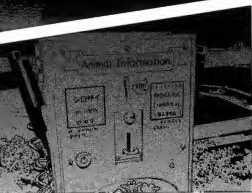
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MACRO-  
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TION?



NEW LIFE  
ADAPTS  
TO A NEW  
ENVIRONMENT  
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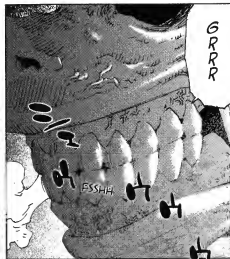
CAN'T YOU  
SENSE THE  
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THE NEW  
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FORTH TO  
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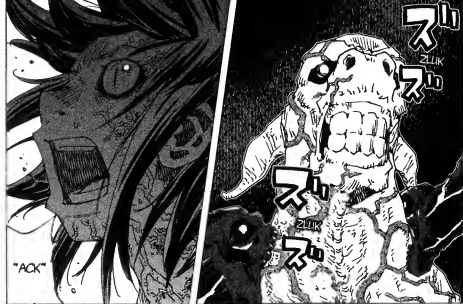


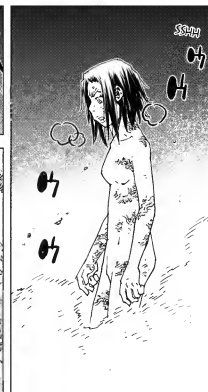
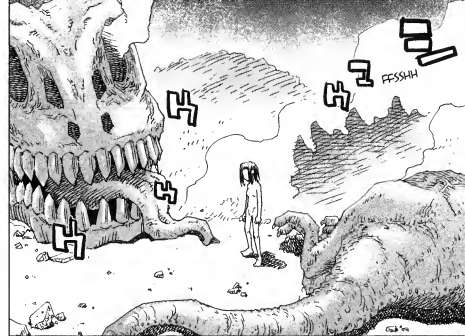
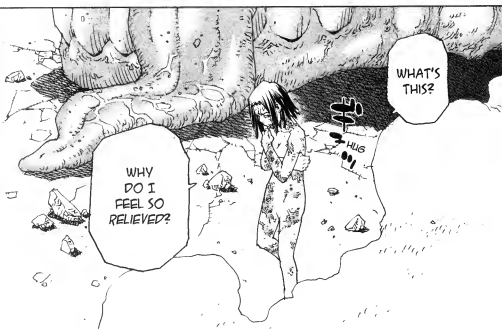
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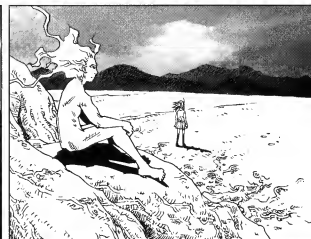
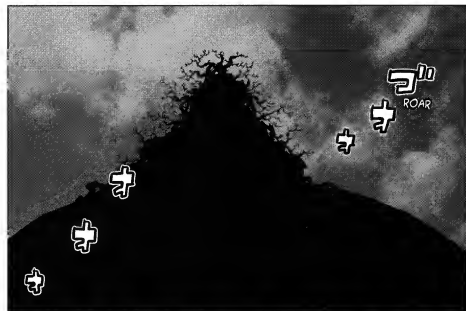
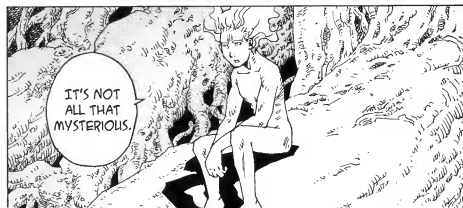


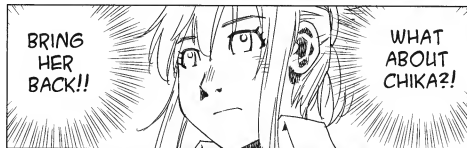
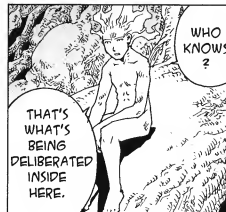
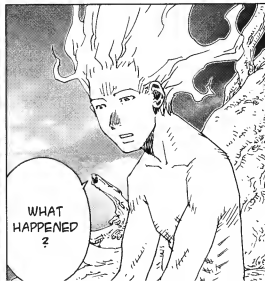
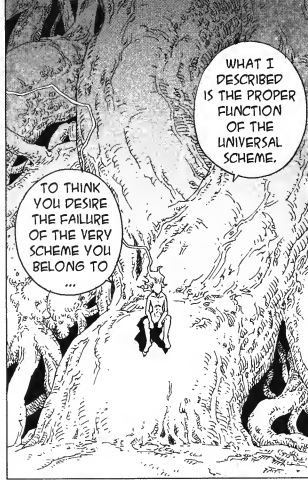
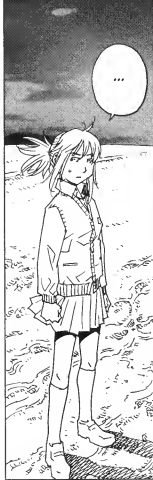


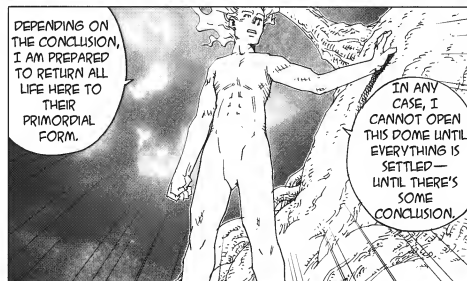
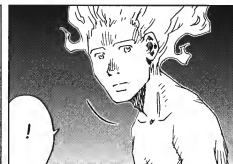
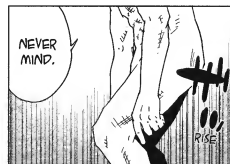
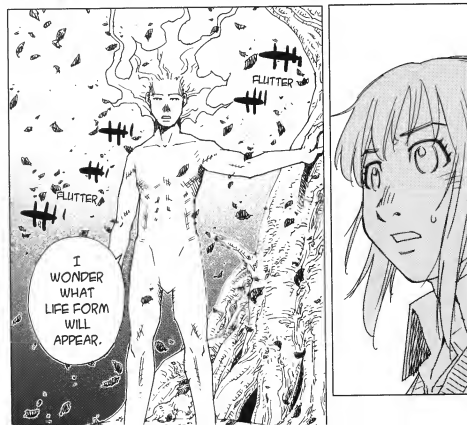
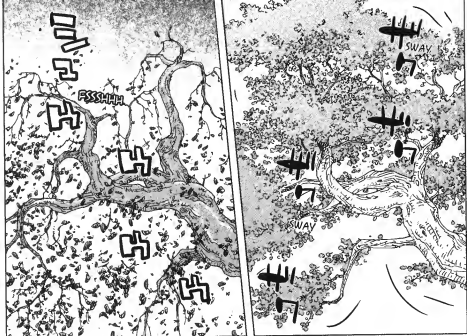






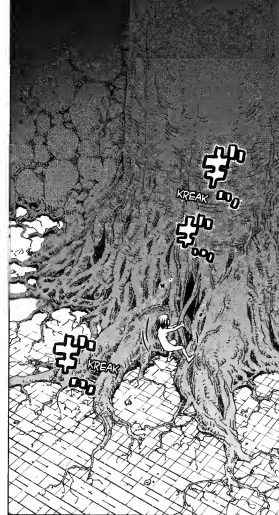
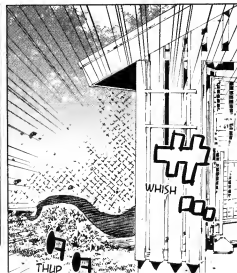
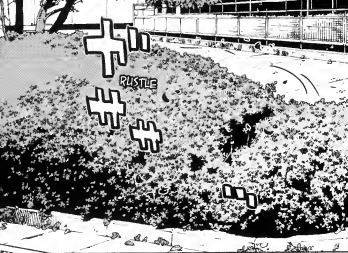


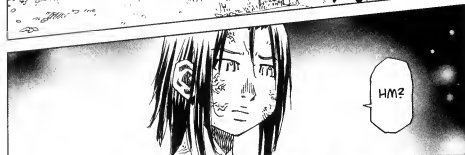


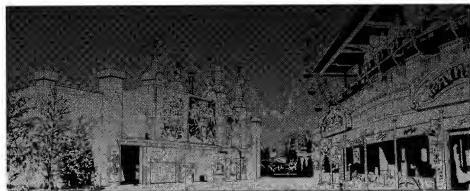
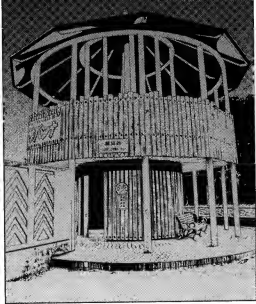


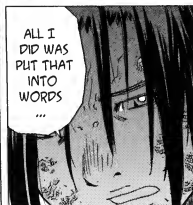
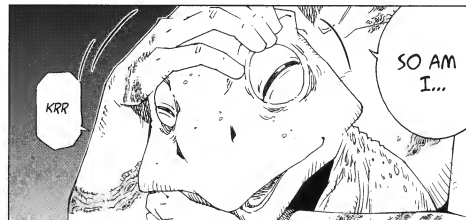
IN ANY CASE, I CANNOT OPEN THIS DOME UNTIL EVERYTHING IS SETTLED—UNTIL THERE'S SOME CONCLUSION.

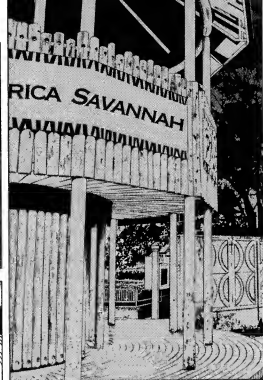
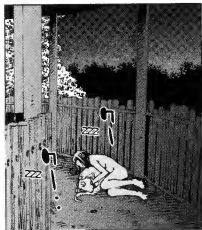


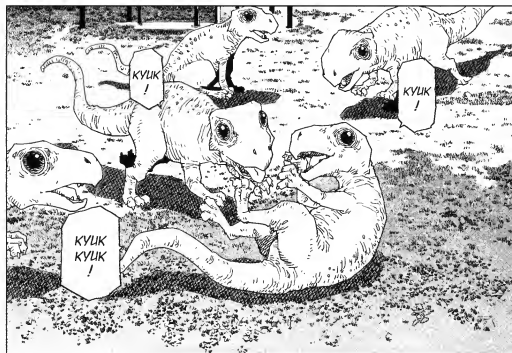
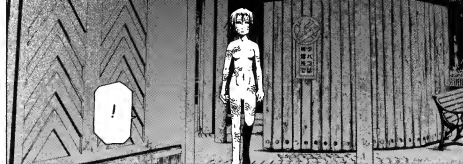
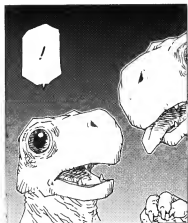


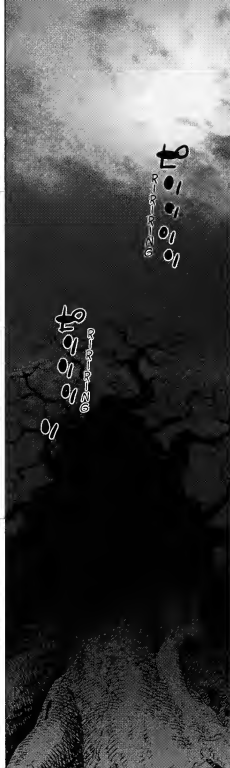




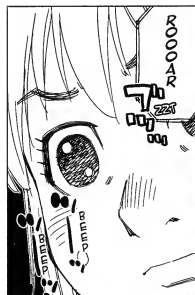


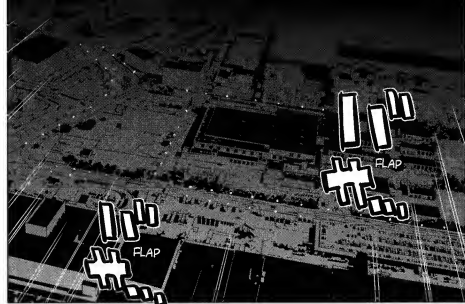
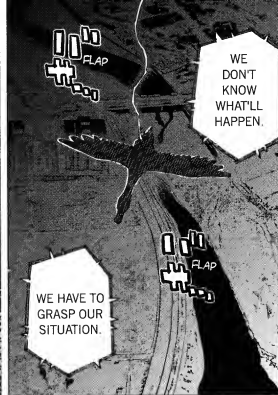


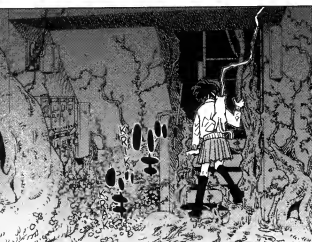


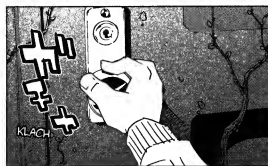
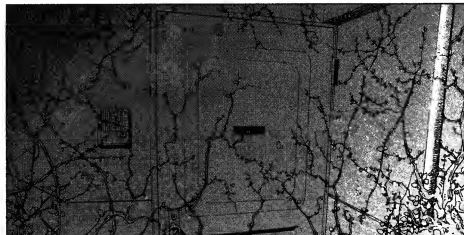


18. Union of Light



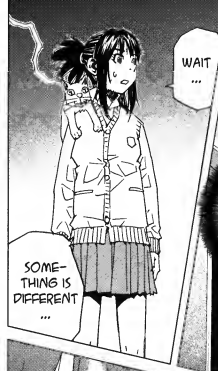






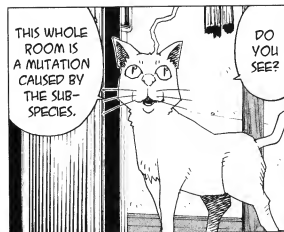


AUNT  
MAKI?!



SOME-  
THING IS  
DIFFERENT  
...







YOU  
CAN'T BE  
SERIOUS,  
AUNTIE.



I HAVE  
TO MAKE  
DINNER  
...

GET  
OUT OF  
HERE  
...



HUH?  
?



YOU  
TOOK  
ME IN,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

AUNT  
MAKI...  
UNCLE  
TSUTOMU  
...



EVEN  
SOMEONE  
LIKE ME...

BRR  
BRR  
DA  
DRR



WEL-  
COME,  
HIKARI!!

SORRY  
THIS  
PLACE  
IS SO  
SMALL!



I DON'T  
KNOW YOUR  
SITUATION, BUT  
THAT IS NEVER  
GOING BACK  
TO NORMAL.

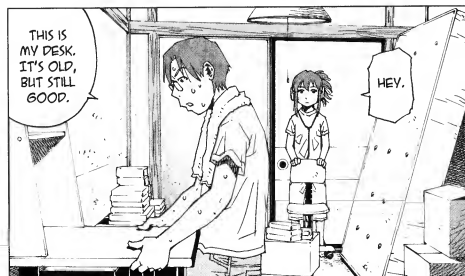


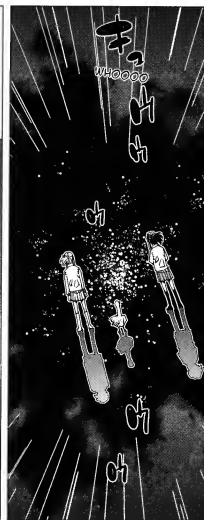
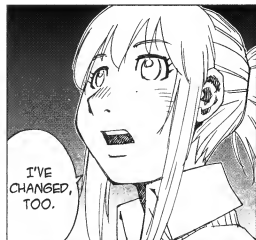
EVOLUTION  
AFFECTS  
EVERYTHING,  
EVEN THE  
MIND, WHICH  
IS A PART  
OF LIFE.

EVOLUTION  
CANNOT BE  
REVERSED.  
HER MIND  
IS TOTALLY  
REJECTING—



I DON'T  
GIVE A  
DAMN  
ABOUT  
EVOLUTION  
!!







FINE.



TSK!



CAN YOU

DO SUCH A THING?



DUNNO, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN TRY.

ZLUK!



HIKARU!

LET'S SAVE MAKI. WE'LL HELP YOU.



I WANT TO USE ALL I'VE GOT FOR HIKARU.

NOT JUST THE MORAL CODE TO PROTECT MY HOST.



HORIZON ...



ARE YOU SERIOUS?



IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO DO.

HOW ABOUT YOU, MAELSTROM?

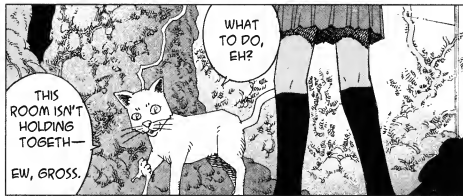


DINNER

...



LEAP



WHAT  
TO DO,  
EH?

THIS  
ROOM ISN'T  
HOLDING  
TOGETH—  
  
EW, GROSS.



JUST  
SIT TIGHT  
AND  
WATCH,  
MODERATOR.



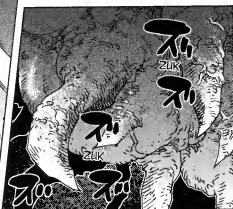
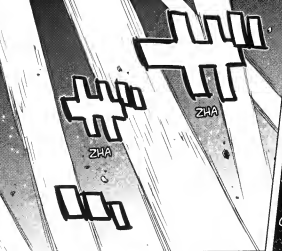
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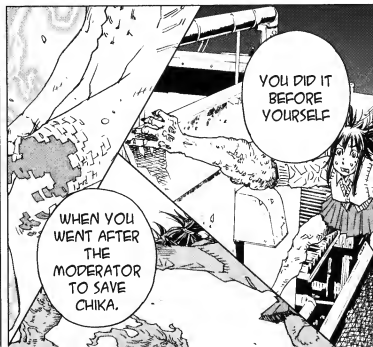
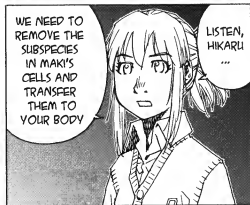
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GET  
OUT  
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